

## **KBI FORENSIC LABORATORY DIVISION**

The KBI Laboratory Division provides forensic examinations and expert testimony to Kansas criminal justice agencies.

### **Chemistry Section**

The Chemistry Section performs analysis of street drugs, arson evidence, paint and glass and assists in clandestine drug manufacturing investigations.

### **Biology Section**

The Biology Section examines body fluids, such as blood, to determine the source of biological material left on evidence, using DNA analysis. Biology also provides law enforcement with expertise in blood spatter, maintains a DNA data bank and responds to crime scenes.

### **Forensic Document Section**

The Forensic Document Examination addresses identification of handwriting, typewriting, the authenticity of signatures, alterations in documents, the significance of inks and papers, photocopying process, writing instruments, sequence of writing and other elements of a document in relation to its authenticity or spuriousness.

### **Toxicology Section**

The Toxicology Section determines DUI alcohol levels, assists coroners in determining cause of death and determines the role of drugs in violent crimes.

### **Latent Print Section**

The Latent Print Section is responsible for latent fingerprint, footwear, and tire track examinations. Additionally, the section maintains a forensic photography unit and shares responsibility for the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) with the KBI Information Services Division.

### **Firearm and Tool Mark Section**

The Firearm and Tool Mark Section is responsible for the examination of firearms and ammunition components, examination of clothing and other objects for muzzle to target distance, examination of tools and tool mark evidence, as well as performing restoration techniques on obliterated identification numbers, and performing physical matching of fractured objects. This section also enters data and images into NIBIN/DRUGFIRE, a computerized firearms evidence identification system that assists in linking separate shooting incidents and linking recovered firearms to unsolved shootings.

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### **Mission Statement**

*The KBI is dedicated to providing professional investigative and laboratory services to Kansas criminal justice agencies and the collection and dissemination of criminal justice information for the purpose of promoting public safety and the prevention of crime in Kansas.*

## ***HISTORY OF THE KBI***

*The KBI was statutorily created by the Kansas Legislature in 1939 at the urging of the Kansas Bankers' Association, the Kansas Livestock Association and the Kansas Peace Officers' Association, to provide statewide criminal investigation services, and placed under the attorney general.*

## **KBI ADMINISTRATION**

Administration consists of the director, associate director, deputy director, three assistant directors and an assistant attorney general, as well as the Human Resources Office, Business Office and Public Relations.

The KBI consists of three major areas: criminal justice information services, investigations and forensic science.

The KBI has regional offices in Great Bend, Wichita, Overland Park and Pittsburg, and regional laboratory offices located in Great Bend, Kansas City and Pittsburg.

Approximately 240 employees are assigned at headquarters, regional offices and throughout the state. KBI headquarters and the main KBI forensic laboratory are located in Topeka.

## **KBI INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION**

The KBI Information Services Division is responsible for the organization of criminal justice communications and data

exchange throughout the Kansas network of law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts and correctional facilities.

Responsibilities include:

(1) Maintaining the Kansas Central Repository of criminal history record information; (2) Maintaining the single database of criminal fingerprints for the state; (3) Administering the statewide computerized network for communications among Kansas criminal justice agencies, other states and the federal government; (4) Collecting and analyzing incidents of crime and reporting the statistics; (5) Offender registration; (6) Missing persons; (7) Private Detective licensing; (8) Managing the KBI computer systems, networks and applications.

## **KBI INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**

### **FIELD INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**

The primary function of the Field Investigations Unit is to provide expert criminal investigative services to local law enforcement agencies.

### **Cold Case Squad**

The Cold Case Squad is dedicated solely to the investigation of unsolved cases, primarily homicides, violent crimes of a serial nature, and missing persons with suspicious circumstances. The squad adopts cases and works jointly with local law enforcement agencies to resolve the crimes. Most of the cases adopted by the Cold Case Squad are well over five years old.

### **Anti-Crime Unit**

The Anti-Crime Unit is responsible for the statewide training of law enforcement officers and safety and awareness programs for citizens throughout the state of Kansas, including Kansas' Most Wanted.

### **High Technology Crime Unit**

Criminals often use computers and other electronic technologies to carry out criminal activity. In response, the KBI formed the HTCUC, a team of specially-trained agents who have the expertise to deal with issues surrounding the criminal use of such technology. The HTCUC provides forensic computer examination services as well as training and technical support to local agencies and prosecutors.

### **SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT**

The Special Operations Unit serves as the narcotics enforcement arm of the KBI. In addition to traditional investigations generally associated with a narcotics unit, various agents within this division are also responsible for staffing the agency's High Risk Warrant Team (HRWT), coordination of the state's marijuana suppression/eradication program, coordination of the KBI's Clandestine Laboratory Response Team (CLRT), operation of the agency's aircraft program, coordination of the agency's asset forfeiture program, coordination of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program, drug interdiction operations and participation in various federal drug task forces.